include only primary agricultural products processed and made marketable or consumable by farmers. The fruits and vegetables, deoiled cake and extraction, sugar and molasses and planting materials and seeds should be deleted on various grounds such as perishableness, export considersations or other being covered by separate laws such as Sugarcane Act and seeds Act.

(2) The role of the constituents of market committees i.e. farmers, traders, exporters, 'hamals' and the government vary in importance and necessity in different types of market committees. The operation and control of the various markets should be assigned accordingly to these constituents.

(3) There should be maximum limit on levy of market fees. If market fees has been paid for goods at one mandi, those should not be subjected to fresh levy at the other mandi.

(c) The Government of India has already set up a High Power Committee to review the present State Market Acts and working of various Agricultural Marketing Bodies and to recommend appropriate measures for streamlining and strengthening of the set up for marketing of Agricultural produce. The Committee is already going into the suggestions made by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

High Powered Committee on Agriculture

\$4820. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SRHI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the High powered Committee on agricultural marketing has criticised the Union Government's decision to transfer the Central Sector schemes for development of markets in the States;

(b) whether the said committee has recommended to Government to review its decision in the interest of farmers of the country;

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether Government propose to review its decision and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) In their Interim Report, the High Power Committee on Agricultural Marketing has recommended that the decision of Government to transfer the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Development of Markets to the States should be reviewed.

(c) and (d) As the decision to transfer this scheme to the State Sector has been taken by the National Development Council on the basis of a recommendation to that effect made by a Committee of the National Development Council, it is not proposed to review the above decision.

सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम

4821 डा० जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन : मैं श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने सूखा प्रवण क्षेत्र कार्यक्रम के अधीन 90 जिलों में लगभग 615 प्रखंडों की पहचान की है ;

\$Previously Unstarred Question 3303, transferred from the 7th August, 1992.

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